

**House File 2282 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act requiring display of the motto "in God we trust" by  
2 school districts.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 279.70 Display of motto.

2 The board of directors of each school district shall cause  
3 to be displayed the motto "in God we trust", which is declared  
4 in federal law, 36 U.S.C. §302, to be the national motto of  
5 the United States, in every school building in the school  
6 district in a manner which may include but not be limited to  
7 the prominent display of a wall plaque or artwork that results  
8 from a student contest.

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EXPLANATION

10 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
11 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

12 This bill directs school districts to display the motto "in  
13 God we trust", which is declared in federal law 36 U.S.C. §302  
14 to be the national motto of the United States, in every school  
15 building in the school district in a manner which may include  
16 but not be limited to the prominent display of a wall plaque or  
17 artwork that results from a student contest.